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In re Application of  
JENS MOURITS SORENSEN, et al.  
Application No.: 09/424,393  
PCT No.: PCT/DK99/00612  
Int. Filing Date: 09 November 1999  
Priority Date: None  
Attorney Docket No.: Q56941  
For: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SPRAY  
DRIED, AGGLOMERATED POWDER OF  
BABY FOOD, WHOLE MILK OR SKIM MILK,  
AND SUCH POWDER

Dear Mr. Hannon:

This is in response to your communication received 29 November 2001 requesting the status of U.S. application 09/424,393. U.S. application 09/424,393 is awaiting the end of the 30 month time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1) for the commencement of national stage processing as applicants did not request express processing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(f). National stage processing will begin on 09 May 2002. Applicants will receive further correspondence in due course.

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